

VGLA COE Organizer

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4.1 The student will plan and conduct investigations in which		
a)		distinctions are made among
		observations,
		conclusions,
		inferences, and
		predictions;
b)		hypotheses are formulated based on cause-and-effect relationships;
c)		variables that must be held constant in an experimental situation are defined;
d)		appropriate instruments are selected to measure
		linear distance,
		volume,
		mass, and
		temperature;
e)		appropriate metric measures are used to
		collect,
		record, and
		report data;
f)		data are displayed using
		bar and
		basic line graphs;
g)		numerical data that are contradictory or unusual in experimental results are recognized; and
h)		predictions are made based on data from
		picture graphs,
		bar graphs, and
		basic line graphs.

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5.1 The student will plan and conduct investigations in which		
a)		rocks are identified using a classification key,
		minerals are identified using a classification key, and
		organisms are identified using a classification key;
b)		estimations of
		length,
		mass, and
		volume are made;
c)		appropriate instruments are selected and
		appropriate instrument is used for making quantitative observations of
		length,
		mass,
		volume, and
d)		elapsed time;
		accurate measurements are made using basic tools
		thermometer,
		meter stick,
		balance,
e)		graduated cylinder;
		data are
		collected,
		recorded, and
		reported using the appropriate graphical representation
		graphs,
		charts,
f)		diagrams;
		predictions are made using patterns, and
g)		simple graphical data are extrapolated;
		manipulated and responding variables are identified; and
h)		an understanding of the nature of science is developed and reinforced.

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4.2 The student will investigate and understand characteristics and interaction of moving objects. Key concepts include		
a)		motion is described by an object's direction and speed;
b)		forces cause changes in motion;
c)		friction is a force that opposes motion; and
d)		moving objects have kinetic energy.

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4.3 The student will investigate and understand the characteristics of electricity. Key concepts include		
a)		conductors and
		insulators;
b)		basic circuits
		open/closed,
		parallel/series;
c)		static electricity;
d)		the ability of electrical energy to be transformed into
		heat energy,
		light energy, and
		mechanical energy;
e)		simple electromagnets,
		magnetism; and
f)		historical contributions in understanding electricity.

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5.2 The student will investigate and understand how sound is transmitted and is used as a means of communication. Key concepts include		
a)		frequency,
		waves,
		wavelength,
		vibration;
b)		the ability of different media to transmit sound:
		solids,
		liquids,
		gases; and
c)		uses and applications
		voice,
		sonar,
		animal sounds, and
		musical instruments.

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5.3 The student will <u>investigate</u> and <u>understand</u> basic characteristics of visible light and how it behaves. Key concepts include		
a)		the visible spectrum and light waves;
b)		refraction of light through
		water and
		prisms;
c)		reflection of light from reflective surfaces (mirrors);
d)		opaque,
		transparent,
		translucent; and
e)		historical contributions in understanding light.

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5.4 The student will investigate and understand that matter is anything that has mass, makes up space, and occurs as a solid, liquid, or gas. Key concepts include		
a)		atoms,
		elements,
		molecules, and
		compounds;
b)		mixtures including solutions; and
c)		the effect of heat on the states of matter.

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4.4 The student will investigate and understand basic plant anatomy and life processes. Key concepts include		
a)		the structures of typical plants
		leaves,
		stems,
		roots, and
		flowers;
b)		processes and structures involved with reproduction
		pollination,
		stamen,
		pistil,
		sepal,
		embryo,
		spore, and
		seed;
c)		photosynthesis
		sunlight,
		chlorophyll,
		water,
		carbon dioxide,
		oxygen, and
		sugar;
d)		dormancy

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4.5 The student will investigate and understand how plants and animals in an ecosystem interact with one another and the nonliving environment. Key concepts include		
a)		behavioral and
		structural adaptations;
b)		organization of communities;
c)		flow of energy through food webs;
d)		habitats and
		niches;
e)		life cycles and
f)		influence of human activity on ecosystems.

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4.8 The student will investigate and understand important Virginia natural resources. Key concepts include		
b)		animals and
		plants;

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5.5 The student will investigate and understand that organisms are made of cells and have distinguishing characteristics. Key concepts include		
a)		basic cell
		structures and
		functions;
b)		kingdoms of living things;
c)		vascular and
		nonvascular plants; and
d)		vertebrates and
		invertebrates.

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4.6 The student will investigate and understand how weather conditions and phenomena occur and can be predicted. Key concepts include	
a)	weather measurements and meteorological tools
	air pressure – barometer,
	wind speed – anemometer,
	rainfall – rain gauge, and
b)	temperature – thermometer;
	weather phenomena
	fronts,
	clouds, and
	storms.

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4.7 The student will investigate and understand the relationships among the Earth, moon, and sun. Key concepts include		
a)		the motions (revolution and rotation) of the
		Earth,
		moon, and
		sun;
b)		the causes for the Earth's seasons and
		phases of the moon;
c)		the relative size, position, age, and makeup of the
		Earth,
		moon, and
		sun;
d)		historical contributions in understanding the Earth-moon-sun system

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4.8 The student will investigate and understand important Virginia natural resources. Key concepts include		
a)		watershed and
		water resources;
c)		minerals,
		rocks,
		ores, and
		energy sources;
d)		forests
		soil, and
		land.

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5.6 The student will investigate and understand characteristics of the ocean environment. Key concepts include		
a)		geological characteristics
		continental shelf,
		slope,
		rise;
b)		physical characteristics
		depth,
		salinity,
		major currents;
c)		biological characteristics (ecosystems).

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5.7 The student will investigate and understand how the Earth's surface is constantly changing. Key concepts include		
a)		the rock cycle including identification of rock types;
b)		Earth history and
		fossil evidence;
c)		the basic structure of the Earth's interior;
d)		plate tectonics
		earthquakes and
		volcanoes;
e)		weathering and erosion;
f)		human impact.